

COULD PASS THE FRANCHISES

Front-Street Now Open to the Two Electric Line Companies.

NOT A DISSENTING VOTE

President of Initiative One Hundred Satisfied, and Mayor Lane Expresses Himself in a Message.

FRONT-STREET FRANCHISES ARE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council last night, called to consider the question of granting franchises to the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company for electric railway lines down Front and other streets of Portland, both measures were passed by a unanimous vote of all the members of the Council present.

President Francis I. McKenna, on behalf of a committee from the Initiative One Hundred, attempted to speak when the Council was about to vote on the franchise-granting ordinance, but was refused the privilege of doing so by the Council.

In a statement to the Oregonian issued after the meeting, Mr. McKenna said the Initiative One Hundred was satisfied with the situation.

The Council last night swept aside every effort to cause delay in the passage of the ordinance granting franchises to the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company for electric lines on Front and other streets.

As soon as Auditor Devin had finished reading the title of the United Railways Company's ordinance, Mr. Gray moved that it be placed on its final passage.

Councilman Shepherd called attention to the fact that it was the original intention of the Council to grant the franchises to the Initiative One Hundred.

Never Harassed So Much. After the Council had adjourned, J. Whyte Evans informed the Mayor that in all his life he has never been harassed to such an extent as had been the case with the United Railways Company.

President McKenna's Statement. The Initiative One Hundred was organized for the purpose of building a link-line railroad extending from the south line of Portland to the north line, on both sides of the river.

The franchise of the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company cover several of the streets over which the proposed link-line is planned to pass.

When Mr. Evans promised that the Mayor would release on payment the portions of the lines covered by his franchise our demands were fulfilled.

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To the Honorable the Council, Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: At this meeting of your honorable body there will come before you for your final action an ordinance granting certain franchises and privileges in the use of streets of this city for a period of 25 years to a corporation known as the United Railways Company.

As a matter of justice I ask that a clause in this ordinance be inserted which will provide that at any time in the future the people of this city will be allowed to purchase the franchises at a reasonable and just price.

Also I ask for a clause which will provide that at any time in the future the people may secure a passenger rate now arbitrarily fixed at 5 cents for a period of 25 years.

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Republicans Plan Big Street Meeting.

GOOD SPEAKERS WILL TALK

Successful Gathering Held at Woodstock, and City Treasurer Makes Rousing Address for the Republican Party.

With County Judge L. R. Webster and State Senator Dan J. Maloney as the principal speakers, the Republicans will hold their first open-air rally at Sixth and Ankeny streets this evening.

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REPUBLICANS MAKE THEIR OFFICERS

Assembly Chooses Mrs. Clementine Taylor, of Portland, as President.

MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Installation Will Take Place Today, and the Exemplification Will Be Done by a Picked Staff at Woodmen's Hall.

RALLIES ON THE EAST SIDE

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PRESIDENT ELLIOTT COMING

Northern Pacific Executive Will Reach Portland This Afternoon.

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